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**SUBJECT:** Required Direct Certification for Local Educational Agencies  
with 25,000 Students

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**TO:** Special Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

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This memorandum is a reminder concerning mandatory implementation of direct certification on July 1, 2006, for School Year 2006-2007. Section 9(b)(4)(D)(I) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that local educational agencies (LEAs) with enrollment of 25,000 or more (based on FNS-10 data from October, 2005) implement direct certification for children who are members of households receiving food stamps. State agencies must ensure that LEAs meeting this criterion are conducting direct certification with the food stamp agency for School Year 2006-2007.

Attached is a list of LEAs with 25,000 or more students. The data is for School Year 2003-2004, the most recent available from the National Center for Educational Statistics.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Stanley C. Garnett", is located below the text of the memorandum.

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Attachment